

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

March 6, 2019

The March Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 by Chairman Jim Weizenegger with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisors Walt Richmond, Tom Dechmann, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Owen and Clerk-Treasurer Marla Yoho.

Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the **Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting** as corrected clarifying the number of culverts.

Treasurer's Report: The following are the February 28th balances in the Township accounts: \$72,376.64 in Checking and \$401,892.26 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for February were \$22,412.61** (\$618.73 interest; \$0 Gas and Electricity reimbursement; \$21,793.88 Gas Tax Allocation); **Expenditures totaled \$12,874.92** (\$9,360.00 Road & Bridge; \$349.76 Fire; and \$3,165.16 General Gov't expenses.)

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Road Report:

- Tom attended the **Cass County Highway Dept. Advisory Meeting** on February 13th. Darrick Anderson, Josh Howe and Kris Lyttinen were all in attendance.

The closest planned construction project in 2019 is a culvert on Cty Rd 107.

There are several maintenance projects that townships may partner in with the county. They include liquid calcium chloride, striping (price was \$.044 per foot last year), culvert purchases, crack sealing and noxious weed spraying. Reno Wells spoke extensively about the weed issues in the northern part of the county.

We don't have enough weeds to join their contract. It wouldn't be feasible for us to join them in crack sealing since they will be using Anderson Bros. and we already contract with them directly.

- We have the map sent out by Kelly Condiff. While doing the Road Review the map should be marked with the **GPS coordinates of each culvert**. The township has seven culverts including three on Birch Forest Rd, two on Pinewood Ln, and one each on Orchard Park Ln, Pillager Lake Rd and Red Oak Dr.

- The **Anderson Brothers Forum** on road maintenance will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at the Nisswa Legion. Tom, Walt and Jim plan to attend.

-The snow cover is still significant which may cause the **Road Review** to be rescheduled. A weather is yet to be determined.

Fire Report:

- The new representative from May Township, Dan Donahue, attended his first meeting.

- The association is actively looking for grants to replace the turn-out gear, SCBAs, and Motorola radios to offset some of the expected costs.

- They are purchasing advertising signs to be placed by the Pillager Park to encourage new recruits.

- They have had one firefighter/ 1st Responder transfer to Pillager from Scandia Valley, pending the outcome of the Agility test.

- They discussed the East Gull Lake contract again. They will approach EGL with two scenarios: One being, Increase the contract by \$5,000 every year, or Two, a 7% increase per year or the amount the budget increases.

- The 2020 budget is tentatively set at \$212,710 which includes \$13,000 each for turn-out gear, SCBA's and radios. The Fairview portion of that budget would be about \$83,000.

- They are still talking about reformulating the assessment, but there is no agreement on how that should be done. Marla will contact Teri Hastings to see what formula is used for their assessment from Nisswa.
- There were 24 calls in February, with 5 in Fairview, Y-T-D count is 48. There were 260 calls in 2018, which is down from 2017 by 28.
- The trucks can now carry a total of 7,500 gallons of water. There is a 4,000-gallon tank buried by the May Town Hall.

Trail Committee:

- The **“Joint Application Form for Activities Affecting Water Resources in Minnesota”** has been submitted to the TEP Board. It will be on the agenda for their April meeting but may have to be tabled until May depending on the snow cover.
- The application to the Heritage Dept of the DNR (endangered species) was supposed to have been processed in 4 weeks, but the person who was working on it has left the DNR. No word on who is handling it now or how to track the application.
- Jenny is designing a flyer and coordinating efforts for the **“Pints for a Purpose”** at the Jack Pine Brewery on May 1st. Plans still include selling Papa Murphy’s Pizza and Jake’s Wings from Jake’s Grille. Proceeds from the sale of these food items will also go towards the trail. Papa Murphy’s will insert the flyer in all outgoing pizza boxes for 2 weeks before the event. The committee is still actively looking for supporters to commit to matching funds challenges.

Old Business:

- Final copies of the 2018 Audit were distributed and **Justin, Clasen and Co.** has submitted the 2018 audit reports to the State Auditor.

New Business:

- Knife River has applied to the DNR for a permit to use 20 Million gallons of water a year, at a pumping rate of 500 gallons per minute. The DNR mailed a **“Well Water Interference Survey”** to residents within a mile of the well location (only for wells that are a matter of record). Marla has been in contact with Danica Dierks, the Hydrologist with the DNR, who is handling this permit. The decision on this permit is several months away, but they consider private wells to have priority over commercial and farm wells.

Clerk’s Report:

- Marla attended the **Cass County Geologic Atlas Mtg** in Backus this morning. The report allows side-slice visibility of wells and ground formation throughout the county. They indicated that all wells installed since 1972 would be on the interactive map, but it’s apparent that not all wells were reported because many are missing. Thy hydrology portion of this mapping project is under way for Cass County buy they don’t expect completion until 2021.
- Monday March 25th: MAT Short Course 8am- 3pm Breezy Point
- Tuesday April 9th: April Monthly Board Mtg 6:30pm
- Wednesday April 10th: CCAT/ HSEM Damage Assessment Training 10am- 4pm, Walker Community Ctr.
- Tuesday April 16th: Spring Road Review 8am – 12:45pm (Weather Delay date ?)
- Tuesday April 16th: Board of Appeals and Equalization - 1pm Town Hall
- Wednesday May 1st: Pints for a Purpose 5pm-8pm Jack Pine Brewery
- Tuesday May 14th: Pillager School Referendum Vote 7am- 8pm

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve payment of all Claims as submitted. (Aye: Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Dechmann).

10319	CTC	Internet & Phone	95.44
20319	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas - Fire Hall	287.45
30319	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	230.00
40319	PERA	Retirement Fund	237.71
50319	Bremer Bank	Service Charge	7.50
4493	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 3/6	266.62
4494	Sharon Owen	Administration to 3/6	193.16
4495	Marla Yoho	Administration to 3/6	832.66
4496	Walt Richmond	Administration to 3/6	252.58
4497	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 3/6	126.29
4498	Herb Richmond	Planning Commission (correction)	10.00
4499	Justin, Clasen & Co	2018 Audit	4,946.00
4500	Tom Dechmann	1st Quarter Mileage & Expenses	103.82
4501	Sharon Owen	1st Quarter Mileage & Expenses	118.32
4502	Walt Richmond	1st Quarter Mileage & Expenses	10.44
4503	Jim Weizenegger	1st Quarter Mileage & Expenses	11.60
4504	Marla Yoho	1st Quarter Mileage & Expenses	558.34
4505	Minn. Assn of Townships	Spring Short Course	50.00
4506	Minn. Assn of Townships	Spring Short Course	50.00
4507	Minn. Assn of Townships	Spring Short Course	50.00

Total: \$8,437.93

Dechmann / Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman